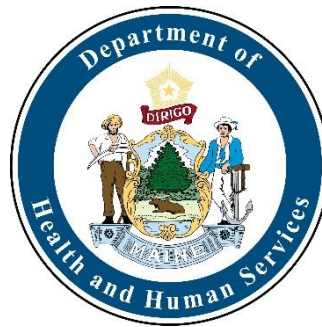


MaineCare Rate Reform Public Forum on Proposed Annual Rate Determination Schedule

October 26, 2022



Agenda

- Introductions
- Welcome and Overview – Michelle Probert, MaineCare Director
- Comments Process – David Jorgenson, Director of Data Analytics
- Public Comment
- Closing

LD 1867, now Public Law 2021, Chapter 639

On an annual basis, MaineCare will consult with the Rate Reform Expert Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) for input on the Rate Determination Schedule. Once the TAP has been consulted, the Department will:

1. Share the proposed schedule to the Department's public website.
2. Provide a public forum for interested stakeholders to review and provide comment.
3. Provide a summary of comments on the Department's public webpage.
4. Conduct off-schedule rate determinations as the Department determines to be appropriate

Finalization of Rate Determination Schedule - Timeline

✓ 13-Oct	<p>TAP Consultation: review DRAFT Rate Determination Schedule for coming year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Includes summary of rate reform work since 2020, work in progress and planned- Department draft recommendations for schedule through CY23
✓ Week of 17-Oct	<p>Post proposed Rate Determination Schedule to the Department's public website.</p>
✓ 24-Oct	<p>MaineCare Advisory Committee (MAC), Rate Reform Sub-Committee will meet to discuss</p>
26-Oct	<p>Public Forum for interested stakeholders to provide comment on draft schedule.</p>
1-Nov	<p>MAC Rate Sub-Committee may present any recommendations to the MaineCare Advisory Committee (MAC).</p>
9-Nov	<p>Deadline for public comments on Proposed Rate Determination Schedule</p>
Week of 21-Nov	<p>The Department will post a summary of all comments online per the requirements of P.L. 2021, Ch 639</p>
Week of 5-Dec	<p>Department will finalize and post Rate Determination Schedule</p>

MaineCare Rate Determination Schedule Goals

- Complete rate determination processes for all Sections of the MaineCare Benefits Manual to get to ‘baseline,’ where they all have rates developed in compliance with P.L. 2021, Ch 639, by the end of FY2026
- Once a section is at baseline, it will transition to a regular schedule for adjustments
- Where possible, conduct rate determination for like services across sections of policy at one time.
- Achieve data-driven, equitable rate adjustments across all services prior to “revisiting” a section earlier than planned

Rate Reform: Accomplished So Far

- Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) Home & Community Supports, Supported Employment (in Sections 18, 20, 21, 29)
- Personal Care Services (Sections 12, 19, 96)
- Children's Residential Care Facilities (Section 97, Appendix D)
- Ambulance Services- Medicare codes, only (Section 5)
- Dental Services (Section 25)
- MaineMOM (Section 89)
- Services under "Medicare Standardization":
 - 14- Advanced Practice Registered Nursing
 - 15- Chiropractic Services
 - 68- Occupational Therapy
 - 75- Vision
 - 85- Physical Therapy
 - 90- Physician
 - 95- Podiatry
 - 101- Medical Imaging
 - 109- Speech and Hearing

Proposed Schedule: Rate Determinations to be Initiated Prior to 12/31/23

Categories of Schedule Recommendations:

- Required per legislation/ budget
- Public commitments prior to Ch. 639 becoming law
- Other Department Recommendations

Rate Reform: Other Department Schedule Recommendations through CY23

Policy Section	Services
97 D (limited to one service)	Therapeutic Foster Care
97 Private Non-Medical Institution (PNMI) E & F	Community Residences for Persons with Mental Illness (PNMI E) and Non-Case Mixed Medical and Remedial Facilities (PNMI F)
Secs 19, 20, 21, 40, 96, 102 (limited to certain services)	Home and Community-Based Services: Nursing & Clinical Services only
TBD (new service)	Community Paramedicine

Changes Following Presentation to Technical Advisory Panel

Have removed the following services from the proposed schedule:

Section	Services	Rationale for Inclusion
20, 21, 29	Home Supports & Shared Living	Need to make rate adjustments to account for sleep staff and multiple-person shared living rates

Rationale for removal:

- Section 21 Agency Home Supports “sleep staff” study: likely to result in proposed rate decreases, which are not allowed under American Rescue Plan, Section 9817 Maintenance of Effort Requirements through 3/31/2025
- Shared Living- multiple person rates: Intent is to continue multiple-person rates allowed for under Appendix K authority. Rate determination not needed since rates will remain the same.

Additional Information on Proposed Schedule

Visit www.maine.gov/rate-reform for more info on services on proposed schedule, including:

- Service descriptions
- Recent substantive rate adjustment history
- Rationale for prioritization
- Rate Determinations initiated to date
- Services remaining beyond CY2023

Public Comment

- The deadline for submitting written comments is November 9, 2022.
- Submit written comments and questions related to the Rate Determination Schedule to Mandie Lee, Rate Setting Coordinator, at Amanda.Lee@maine.gov.
- The Department will post its final schedule for rate determinations to be initiated through calendar year 2023 in December 2022.

Resources

MaineCare Rate Setting Team

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